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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Science and Technology

SUBJECT : DIA Proposal for a Joint CIA/DIA
Research Facility

1. Attached to this memorandum is a study which indicates two possible ways in which a combined facility could be established. Chart I indicates the more desirable approach from the Agency's standpoint. Chart II indicates our understanding of the DIA proposed plan.

2. This study is forwarded in an attempt to be responsive to the initial DIA proposal. I do not favor a joint CIA/DIA research facility at this early stage, and I do not believe it would effect any economies. Nevertheless, it is my view that DIA does need to undertake some sort of R&D in this area. As an alternative, perhaps the Director might wish to suggest that DIA establish its own research facility. CIA will provide them with assistance in planning and developing their programs if they so desire; to form a committee, formal or informal; to assure that there is no duplication of effort and optimal allocation of resources; and to share results where security permits. He might also suggest that the question of a combined facility be re-examined at a later date. It is likely that in a year or two, CIA and DIA will both have enough experience to make an informed judgment on the merits of such a joint facility.

DIA HAS NO OBJECTION TO DECLASSIFICATION AND
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ROBERT M. CHAPMAN
Director of Research and Development

Attachments

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